

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks are respectfully requested. Claims 1 – 5 and 20 – 24 are cancelled and claims 6, 7, 9, 11, 14 – 17, 25, 26, 28, 30, 31 and 33 are amended.

Objection of the Drawings

The Examiner objects the drawings because the Office Action states that the drawings fail to show some specific steps. Applicants have added FIG. 4 to the specification with associated changes set forth above. This additional figure is not new matter in that it is added in response to a request from the Examiner and there is ample support in the specification as filed for this figure. The appropriate changes to the specification are made above as well. Therefore, Applicants request withdrawal of this drawing objection.

Rejection of Claims 1-5, 14-24 and 33 Under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a)

The Examiner rejects claims 1-5, 14-24 and 33 under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bayya et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,684,921) (“Bayya”), in view of Bossemeyer, Jr. (U.S. Patent No. 6,249,760) (“Bossemeyer”). Claims 1 – 5 and 20 - 24 are cancelled thus rendering this rejection moot as to these claims. Claims 14 – 19 are amended to depend from an allowable claim or include subject matter that the Examiner indicates is allowable. Therefore, these amended claims are patentable over the cited references. Claim 33 is amended to depend from a claim that the Examiner has indicated would be allowable and is therefore allowable.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner objects to claims 6-13 and 25-32 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Applicants respectfully submit that the amended independent claims incorporate subject matter that the Examiner indicates is allowable. Therefore, independent claims 6, 11, 17, 25, and 30 are each allowable as well as their dependent claims.

CONCLUSION

Having addressed all rejections and objections, Applicant respectfully submits that the subject application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. If necessary, the Commissioner for Patents is authorized to charge or credit the **Law Office of Thomas M. Isaacson, Account No. 502960** for any deficiency or overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,

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